

CEQA #11032

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation  
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road  
Folsom, CA 95630

**PROJECT TITLE:** Replace Stairway and Trail Bridge on Monroe Ridge Trail

**LOCATION:** Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park      **COUNTY:** El Dorado

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Replace an existing, deteriorated wood stairway and bridge along the Monroe Ridge Trail within Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park to increase visitor safety. Work will construct the replacement structure of redwood lumber, including posts, joists, railing, decking and diagonal bracing 4 to 5 feet shorter than the existing structure to shift the bridge south and away from a large Ponderosa pine that will be preserved. The existing stone steps at the bottom of the stairway will be retained and incorporated into the replacement stairway. Stairway posts will utilize existing postholes which will be excavated and concrete footings installed. The new structure will not use as many posts as the existing structure; postholes not being used will be backfilled with soil. The 5-foot wide replacement bridge will be constructed with a 7-foot long by 12-inch wide by 18-inch high concrete abutment on the west side of the ditch where the new stringers will sit. The stringers will be connected to the replacement stairway posts located on the east side of the ditch. On the west end of the bridge stone steps and a stone retaining wall will be installed to raise the grade of the trail to meet the elevation of the bridge deck and will match the existing stone steps at the far end of the stairway. The landing at the west end of the bridge will be back filled with compacted native soil after the steps and concrete abutment are installed.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Gold Fields District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 1, 3, 4      Section: 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing structures involving no expansion of use beyond current levels, construction and location of small structures and minor alterations in the condition of land and is included as "trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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